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NOTICE OF HEARING AND COMMENTS FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS IN THE NEOSHO AND WALNUT RIVER BASINS

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for streams and lakes in the Neosho and Walnut River Basins that are impaired by not meeting state water quality standards.

The TMDLs presented for public review are:

Neosho Basin

Spring (HUC 11070207)

- Cow Creek Total Phosphorus
- Short Creek and Shoal Creek in the Spring River Watershed Total Phosphorus

Middle Neosho (HUC 11070205)

Labette Creek – Total Phosphorus

Walnut Basin

Upper Walnut (HUC 11030017)

o Augusta City Lake - Eutrophication

These TMDLs are available for review on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment TMDL website at http://www.kdheks.gov/tmdl/planning_mgmt.htm. Additionally, copies of the TMDLs can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Water, Watershed Planning, Monitoring and Assessment Section (785-296-8791).

A public hearing to take testimony from interested parties will be held:

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Location: KDHE Surface Mining Satellite Office

4033 Parkview Drive Frontenac, KS 66763

Time: 1:00-2:00pm

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The first portion of the hearing will be a briefing by the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section, outlining each of the TMDLs. The public comment period for these TMDLs will be held open from May 6th through June 5th of 2015. After reviewing the testimony and public comments, KDHE will make any appropriate revisions to the TMDLs and will submit them to Region VII of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing process and may request the proposed TMDLs in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing process should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting KDHE.

Requests, questions or written comments should be directed to Tom Stiles of the Watershed Planning, Monitoring and Assessment Section of KDHE at: 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367; by email at tstiles@kdheks.gov; by telephone: 785-296-6170 or by FAX: 785-291-3266.